

April 26 1944

Mr Paul Robeson
Shubert Theatre
New York City

Dear Mr Robeson:

I have asked several mutual freinds to extend the following invitation to you, as I am sure your mail is very heavy, and a letter might not get to you. However I have decided it might be better to write you as the invitation will seem more official that way.

I am sure you have heard of our two Negro baseball leagues. We have been operating now since 1935, and in spite of many handicaps, we seem to be growing each year. Here in Newark we have the largest opening of any of the cities, in spite of the fact we play only one game, and all the others double-headers. I am sure this is due to the fact we always arrange a few opening day ceremonies. We have been very fortunate in having some popular member of our race throw out the first ball to start the season. Some of those who have honored us with their presence Henry Armstrong, Johnny Eborican, Beau Jack, Col Davis the year we entertained the 372nd.

This year we are entertaining the 344th Aviation Sqd. stationed at Weequick Park here, and the Attucks Post of The Am. Legion. My reason for always having one of our own throw the ball, I am sure the fans get a moral boost when they are that close to a member of their race, who has done so much for them. In addition to all the other things you have to offer, you are claimed by New Jersey. The fact that you were an outstanding athelete makes me feel you would particularly enjoy a baseball game. The Eagles are playing your New York team The Cuban Stars, one of the best, on this opening day Sunday May 7th, ceremonies start 1.30 .

I will send for you if you want me too.
I will be glad to come see you if it is necessary to

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discuss the matter in more detail.

I realize the time is not far away, but as I said before, I was depending on person contact by friends.

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. If you can find your way clear to accept, please let me know how many will be in your party.

My sincere wishes for your continued success.

Very Truly Yours

My private phone number Market 3-0555